



Inter Departmental Memorandum

TO: The Honorable City Council

THROUGH: Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

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REVIEWED: Ronald H. Williams, Jr. Deputy City Manager

FROM: George M. Homewood, AICP, CFM, Director, Department of City Planning

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Adam D. Melita, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

SUBJECT: Signs text amendments

DATE: October 23, 2015

On the October 27, 2015 public hearing agenda, Council will be reviewing changes to the sign regulations for the City. The City Attorney's Office and the Department of City Planning have been working on amending the sign regulations in light of recent Constitutional court rulings of sign regulations. The revisions focus on compliance with the court rulings while improving the user friendliness of the sign ordinance.

The changes allow currently permitted permanent signs to still be permitted while those that are currently prohibited are still prohibited. No changes have been made to the regulations on Outdoor Advertising Signs. The most significant changes are proposed for temporary signs for residential properties where the typical signs displayed in these areas are described by their content (real estate sign, political sign, home security sign, etc.). Instead of providing an allotment for each type of sign, a general allotment of 24 square feet for temporary signage is provided for residential properties with no limit to the number of signs as long as no one sign is larger than 12 square feet. No regulations center around what information is on the sign. City staff believes that the proposed changes align with current Constitutional rulings on signage.